## The Communication dated August 27, 1999

In the communication dated August 27, 1999, the Examiner requires an election of one of the following two species groups:

(species) Group I encompassing isolated host cells comprising nucleic acid, or (species) Group II, encompassing host cells comprising the nucleic acid wherein the cells are part of an animal.

## **Species Group Election**

Applicants elect species Group I encompassing isolated host cells comprising nucleic acid.

Applicant believes that <u>no fee is required</u> for submission of this response. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayment to, the above-noted Deposit Account.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (415) 576-0200; or Ted Apple, Registration No. 36,429, at (650) 324-6370.

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